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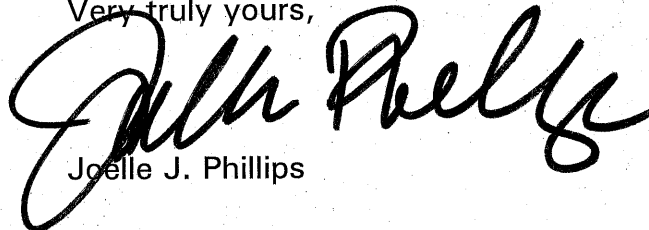
Hon. Sara Kyle, Chairman
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
460 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, TN 37238

Re: *Proposed Rules for the Provisioning of Tariff Term Plans and Special Contracts*
Docket No. 00-00702

Dear Chairman Kyle:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced docket are the original and fourteen copies of BellSouth's Motion for the Authority to Take Administrative Notice of FCC Order Granting BellSouth's Petition to Provide Long Distance Services in Tennessee. Copies of the enclosed are being provided to counsel of record.

Very truly yours,



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cc : Hon. Deborah Taylor Tate, Hearing Officer

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY
Nashville, Tennessee

In Re: Proposed Rules for the Provisioning of Tariff Term Plans and
Special Contracts
Docket No. 00-00702

**BELLSOUTH'S MOTION FOR THE AUTHORITY TO TAKE ADMINISTRATIVE
NOTICE OF FCC ORDER GRANTING BELLSOUTH'S PETITION TO PROVIDE LONG
DISTANCE SERVICES IN TENNESSEE**

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") filed this request that the Authority take administrative notice of the FCC Order approving BellSouth's application to provide long distance service in Tennessee and respectfully shows the Authority as follows:

On December 19, 2002, the FCC entered its order approving BellSouth's application to provide long distance in Tennessee. In doing so, the FCC has accepted the recommendations and findings made by the TRA with respect to the status of local competition in Tennessee. This finding is relevant in the above referenced docket because arguments have been advanced by the Consumer Advocate Division of the Attorney General's Office alleging anti-competitive effects of CSAs. Specifically, the Consumer Advocate has argued that CSAs may be used to prevent competitors from entering the market. The FCC's decision, which is consistent with the recommendation of the TRA, provides a strong basis for the Authority to reject the Consumer Advocate's argument in this regard.

Both the FCC and the Authority have recognized the openness of the local market in Tennessee.

For the foregoing reasons, BellSouth respectfully requests that the Authority take Administrative Notice of the FCC 271 Ruling in this docket.

Respectfully submitted,

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